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B. Covert Scientific and Technical Intelligence Operations:

1. General:

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a. On behalf of the [REDACTED] O/SI forwarded to the Deputy Director (Plans), via the Deputy Director (Intelligence), the Committee's staff study recommending the establishment, within the offices of the DD/P, of an Idea Officer who would be responsible for accepting, analyzing and forwarding to the appropriate action desk useful operational ideas originated by CIA personnel throughout the Agency.

b. The ~~25X1A8a~~ Operations Staff has postponed, indefinitely, any plans to resume [REDACTED] meetings. This decision is based mainly on the fact that, with the exception of TSS, the entire DD/P area is represented by [REDACTED], Chief, RQM. [REDACTED] is also our day-to-day contact so nothing is gained by working with him in committee. Occasionally the CLC has enabled RQM and TSS to get together on minor points of difference, but the Operations Staff should not normally have to be a catalyst for that sort of understanding. In the estimation of the Operations Staff, CLC should only resume its meetings if it is reorganized along the lines of representation from the planning and operations level of FI, P&P, PM and TSS. TSS representation has always been at this level and consequently O/SI has a thorough understanding of TSS problems, both present and future, and has developed a particular ability to be of assistance.

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invited to contribute to FI planning by submitting requirements to IPC, and as the capability to satisfy those requirements is a long way off, we are forced to think in terms of productive man hours, even though they may be at a lower order of importance than is desired.

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